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In re application of: Finzel et al

Serial No.: 09/101,846

GROUP ART UNIT: 2872

Filed: July 17, 1998

EXAMINER: J. Henry

For: "CABLE JOINT FOR OPTICAL FIBRES WITH  
SPlicing CASSETTES AND OVERLENGTH LOOPS"

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME & AMENDMENT "C"**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington D.C. 20231

SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

■ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	* 68	MINUS	** 68	X ---	( ) X 9.00 ( ) X 18.00	---
INDEP. CLAIMS	* 7	MINUS	9	X ---	( ) X 39.00 ( ) X 78.00	---
Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.				( ) YES (x) NO	( ) \$130.00 ( ) \$260.00 ONE TIME	---
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$0.00	

\* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.

\*\* If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20 write "20" in this space.

☒ Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend this time for response to the Office Action dated February 23, 2000 for one month so that the period for response is extended to June 23, 2000. A check in the amount of \$ 110.00 is attached to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to deposit account No. 08-2290. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

☐ A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is attached.

☐ A check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ accompanying IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(c) is attached

☐ A check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and Petition for Consideration of IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(d) is attached.

■ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 08-2290. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.  
When phoning re this application, please call 312/876-0200.

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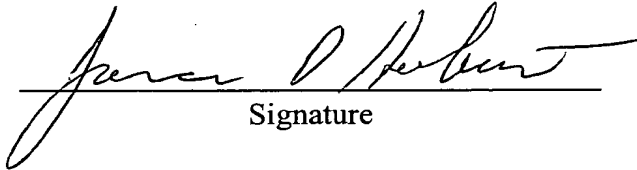


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S I R:

Applicants hereby petition the Assistant Commissioner for Patents for a one-month extension of time for responding to the Office Action dated February 23, 2000 and are enclosing a check for the \$110.00 government fee so that the period of response is extended from May 23, 2000 to June 23, 2000.

In response to the Office Action dated February 23, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 1, without prejudice, and substitute the following claim:

See Fig 6

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--73. Optical-fibre transmission system comprising a cable closure with a cable body for receiving optical waveguides with splice organizers and having excess-length depositories for the excess length of each optical waveguide, said closure body having cable lead-in units in the form of cable lead-in spigots being arranged to extend into the cable closure perpendicularly with respect to an axis of the closure body, the excess length of each optical waveguide and splice organizers being arranged within the closure body removably in an axial